

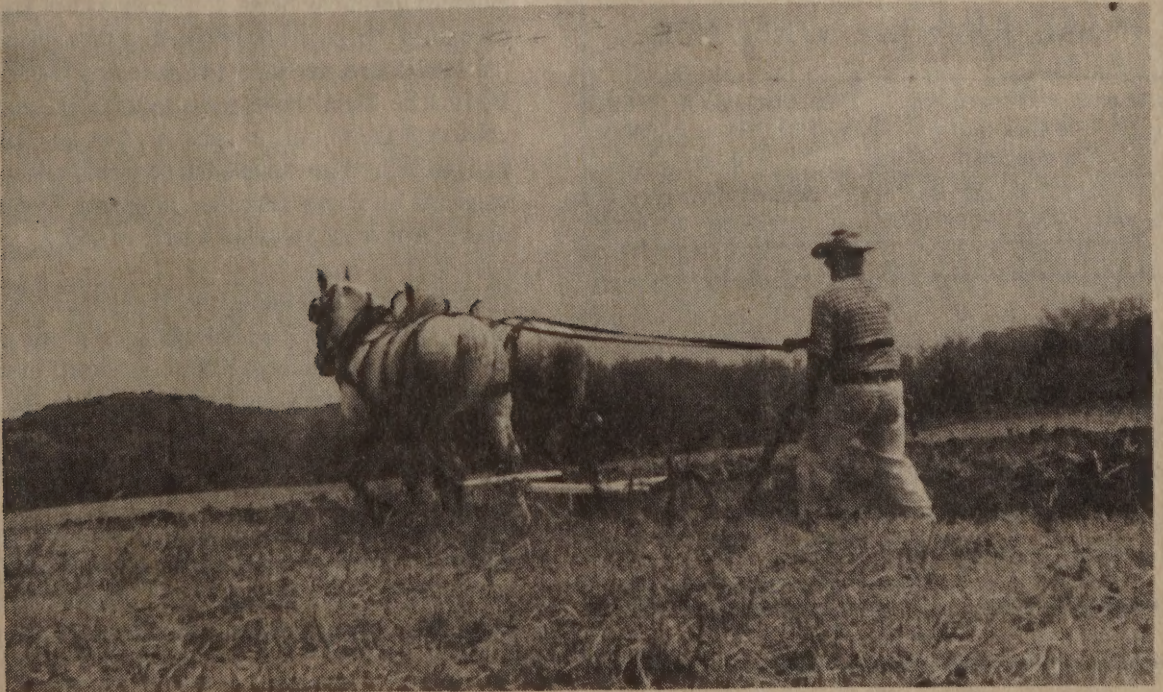
# MONTEREY NEWS

JUNE 1993

## TOWN NEWS

In an unusual configuration of events, a Special Town Meeting was held on May 1st at 9:30 before the Annual Town Meeting which was slated for 10:00 a.m. There were two articles on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting. The first article was to see if the Town would transfer \$15,000 from Free Cash to the Snow and Sand Account. The Finance Committee amended the amount to \$5,000 and the article passed unanimously. The second article was to see if the Town would transfer \$5885 from Free Cash to reimburse Don Amstead for costs and expenses incurred in the litigation, Commonwealth of Massachusetts vs. Amstead. There was a motion made for the vote to be taken by secret ballot, which was defeated. Then a vote was taken and a majority voted to approve the cash transfer.

The Annual Town Meeting began at 10 a.m. and was a marathon event that lasted until approximately 3:30. It was, in the words of Jed Lipsky, "The longest review of line item budget items that I can remember." Article 5 raised discussion regarding the appropriation of \$2000 to obtain the services of a consultant from the Massachusetts Municipal Association to review salary structure for all Town employees. Proponents of the article claimed that the MMA consultant takes an objective look at salaries as opposed to what one citizen characterized as "neighbor judging neighbor". Finance Committee member Nicholas Wool was opposed to the article because, according to him, supporters of the article never made a presentation to either the Board of Selectmen or the Finance Committee. A show of hands was needed since a voice vote left it unclear how the majority was voting. The article was defeated with 36 negative votes and 24 in the affirmative.





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Article 7 generated heated debate to see if the Town would appropriate \$21,890 for the Town Hall Committee to hire a surveyor and an architect in order to continue its work on a new Town Hall. Town Hall Committee Chair Martin Cherneff reviewed the work completed during the past year and made a presentation outlining the various phases of the new Town Hall development process. During the discussion most citizens believed that the appropriation was too great. The article was turned down. Committee Chair Martin Cherneff responded to the defeated article saying "If that's the sense of the Town then I'll go with it. Of course I'm disappointed because I think that we need a new Town Hall. My main goal was to complete the task that was assigned to the committee, and we did that." When questioned about the rejection of the article Maynard Forbes, who formerly served on a previous New Town Hall Committee, commented "I don't think that the vote meant that the people in town want to 'can' the whole thing. It's definitely not a dead issue. I think that people thought that it was too expensive, they were talking \$750,000 to one million dollars. I believe that people want something more reasonable."

Article 25 had both users and residents of Lake Garfield discussing the pros and cons of greater regulation of motor crafts on the lake, including a 10 m.p.h. speed zone in the channel, prohibition of water skiing in the portion of the lake west of the channel (the small part of the lake), and the ability to appoint a Harbor Master to enforce regulations. Several citizens spoke of dangerous encounters with power boats speeding through the channel. Mick Burns, a resident on Lake Garfield since 1955, said that he doesn't believe that speed enforcement will enhance boaters' skill, the lack of which he cites as the real problem. Burns stated that he would rather see an emphasis on boater education programs. Despite this dissent Article 25 passed by a large majority.

In voting held during the Annual Town Meeting, Stefan Grotz was elected Selectman for a term of three years, ousting incumbent Bill Bohn. Grotz, formerly a Selectman for nine years, is no stranger to the office. When asked about his return to town government, Grotz responded, "It feels good. I feel as if I belong here. I thought that the Annual Town Meeting was one of the most hostile that I have ever seen, and I left there on Saturday thinking, 'Maybe I can make a difference and get things on a more positive track'." Former Selectman and Conservation Commission member Jed Lipsky char-



acterized the dissatisfaction as "a result of the public's desire for greater accountability, accuracy, and fairness from Town officials."

The Board of Selectmen met with Conservation Commission members Ellen Pearson, Fred Vorck, and Art Hastedt during the May 10th meeting of the Selectmen. At the recommendation of the Conservation Commission, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Richard E. Nault to fill the unexpired term of Jed Lipsky. The term expires June 30, 1995.

The Selectmen met with Wayne Burkhart, Chair of the Solid Waste Committee, who said Town Clerk Barbara Swann has agreed to distribute dump stickers by mail for a fee of \$1.00 each. He also presented a copy of the new dump sticker and the new recycling guide, which gives details of the expanded recycling program now in effect. Plastic deli containers (#2, #5 and #6 plastic) are now recyclable, as are #1 plastic soda bottles, #2 milk and detergent bottles, all #3, #5 and #7 bottles, empty pill and medicine bottles, plastic bottle caps, and foodservice polystyrene #6. (See article on page 4.)

During the April 20th meeting of the Board of Selectmen, at 8 p.m., sealed bids were opened for paving sections of Beartown Mountain Road, Corashire Road, and Curtis Road. Three bids were received, as follows:

- 1) Tri-Town Paving Co., Lee: \$33.94 / ton of cement.
- 2) J.H. Maxymillian, Inc., Pittsfield, \$38 / ton.
- 3) W.E. Williams Paving, Inc., West Stockbridge: \$34.73 / ton.

The Board discussed the bids with Highway Superintendent Don Amstead, who recommended that the Town accept the low bidder, Tri-Town Paving of Lee. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation.

The following Building Permit Applications have been reviewed and signed by the Board, subject to approval by appropriate Town Boards and Officers:

Beverly Goodman, for the renovation of a barn on her Hupi Road property for use as recreation, storage and workshop. The permit application was submitted by Stefan Grotz, her attorney; Mark and Joan Abramowitz and Robert Doherty and Laurie Abramowitz, for the construction of a tennis court at their Harmon Road property. The application was submitted by Craig Lang, their representative; Eric Roper and Mark Paul for the construction of a tennis court at their New Marlboro Road property. The application was submitted by Mark Paul and Joe Gill, the builder.

— Maggie Leonard

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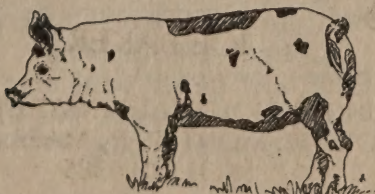
There have been several rabid raccoon incidents in Monterey and others in nearby towns this month (May). In one case, a dog owner separating his dogs from the raccoon was exposed himself, even though not bitten, and had to have the vaccine series. A rabid woodchuck had to be dealt with in Great Barrington, and one raccoon had his mouth full of quills, so we know a porcupine has been infected, and may spread the disease. Any mammal can carry the rabies virus.

Be wary of any animals that seem dazed, distressed, or are otherwise acting abnormally. It is unusual for raccoons to be out in the daytime, since they are nocturnal creatures. Dale Duryea, Wildlife Protection Officer in Monterey (528-9335) and Martin Clark, the Dog Warden in Great Barrington (528-6694) are trained to deal with rabid animals and can be called any time, day or night. Dale has just been appointed as Animal Inspector in Monterey for quarantine questions. He can be reached at his home number or by radio dispatch (1-442-0512) or, by touch tone only, at 1-800-8058. For this last number you'll get a tone, and be told to dial your own number and then hang up. Dale will then call back.

Seasonal residents of Berkshire County must realize that the region is now experiencing a severe rabies epidemic. Pets should be vaccinated before coming here. State authorities are contemplating fines "up to \$10,000" against owners who carry pets exposed to rabies across state lines without first keeping them in quarantine.

If you have a pet or other domestic animal that has been bitten by a rabid animal, *and* your animal has an up-to-date rabies inoculation, it will get a booster shot, and probably be quite all right. *But it has to be quarantined and inspected once a week for three months.*

If your pet does *not* have an up-to-date rabies inoculation and is bitten by a rabid animal, authorities will ask that you put it down. If you refuse, the pet must remain in quarantine for *six months*. Rabies is invariably fatal to unprotected animals, and causes great suffering. Sometimes the virus moves slowly through the bloodstream to the spinal cord or brain, where the disease takes hold. Animals can be infected without showing symptoms for some time. Severe fines simply reflect the seriousness of this disease.



## NEWS FROM THE SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE AND SELECTMEN

### Plastic Recycling Expanded

The new recycling flyer is now available at the Town Office and from Bob Gatten at the Transfer Station. Please read it carefully. We can now handle many more plastics. Note the following:

1. Nearly all plastic to do with food is now recyclable at our facility.
2. It is important to rinse DAIRY ITEMS well..
3. Packaged MEAT, CHICKEN and FISH TRAYS are now acceptable, but the plastic film enclosing them is not. PLEASE RINSE THESE ITEMS WELL!
4. Some items may be designated as recyclable, but our facility is unable to handle them as yet. Examples are five-gallon joint compound containers and heavy duty bags from potting soil and fertilizer products.
5. Take FLOWER POTS, PACKS, and FLATS back to your garden center, or leave them next to the recycling container and we'll do it.
6. For more information call the Master Garbologist at 229-3442.

### New Dump Sticker Procedure

Dump stickers will now be obtained through the mail. All town residents will receive a mailing which includes an application form, bill, and return envelope. Upon receipt of the form and fee, dump stickers will be mailed out. On Saturday mornings from 9 AM - 12 Noon, June 19 through August 14, there will be someone at the Town Office to help with your application, should it be necessary for anyone to appear in person. We hope this will ease the task, relieve congestion in the Town Office, and save time and money.

### Home Furnishing Disposal Days Wed June 30, Sat/Sun June 3/4 Wed July 7, Sat/Sun July 10/11

The eleven towns of the Solid Waste District of the Southern Berkshires, including Monterey, will pay for and organize this collection of household furnishings. Wood and upholstered items only! Mattresses, sofas, chairs, pillows, leather, etc. okay. NO METAL, PLEASE.

— Joyce Scheffey, Gige O'Connell



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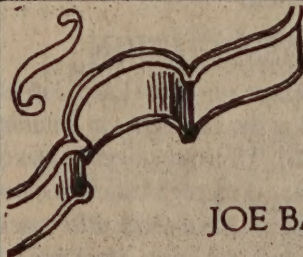


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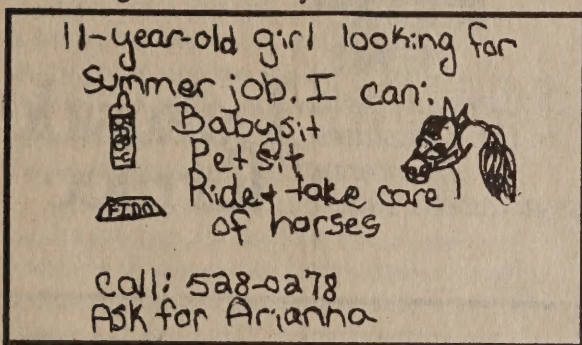
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## FARMERS' MARKET OPENS NEW LOCATION

The Great Barrington Farmers' Market will open for the season on Saturday, May 29th in its new location under the pavilion of Great Barrington's Railroad Station on Castle Street. At the Market local growers sell their vegetables, fruit and flowers directly, and other vendors offer locally produced meat, fish, bread, cheese and agriculturally related crafts.

Many growers harvest the morning of the Market, so their produce is only a few hours old. Market rules require that everything offered for sale must be produced within a thirty-five mile radius of Great Barrington. Some local varieties are available only at the Market. Open every Saturday morning from 8:30-12:30, May 29th through Columbus Day.



## MONTEREY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Friday, June 25 at 7:30 PM. Jim Thomas, bottle collector and history buff, will speak on bottle collecting, the joys of finding old specimens, advice on where to look, and tips on dating bottles. He will bring samples from his own collection to illustrate his talk. He will discuss early free-blown types, as well as the later use of molds. He will also touch on color and use. The audience is invited to bring questions, as well as bottles for dating and general information. Come and bring your friends for a fun evening.

## LAKE GARFIELD ASSOCIATION

The first meeting this season of the Lake Garfield Association will be held at the firehouse on Saturday morning, June 26 at 10 AM. There are several issues on the agenda, including safety, dock registration, and new nonconforming lot regulations, all of which affect use of the lake and properties around the lake. Members will hear about the one-day follow-up study of the lake done last fall, and hear from newly trained citizen water watchers. There will be reports on the recent Town Meeting and the social event of the season.

## THE LIBRARY CHRISTMAS TREE

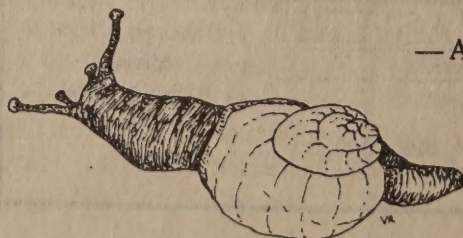
Young and old alike have enjoyed the Monterey Library Christmas Tree for some 38 years. The tradition began in 1955 when Mrs. William Bruning donated lights to decorate a spruce tree that was right at the edge of the road in front of the library. Paul Thorn and Richard Tryon decorated that tree, and Paul Thorn continued to do so until 1968. Then the Library Trustees were asked to improve the grounds of the Library and the diseased spruce tree was cut down.

That same year Stephen Andrew Makuc, four month old son of Henry and Anne Makuc died suddenly just before Christmas. A trust fund was established in his memory, and it seemed fitting to use some of the fund to buy a concolor fir tree, so that Monterey would be able to continue the tradition of having a Christmas tree. Several community groups contributed to purchase the miniature lights, and so in 1969 we had a small but beautiful tree. In 1970, the James Pearson family donated a cut tree because the concolor fir had been destroyed in an accident. Restitution was made, and from 1970 to 1992 Monterey had a Christmas tree which was decorated each year by the Makuc family—mostly by Mark. There was one year in the 80s that the Fire Department did the work. It became more and more difficult as the tree outgrew the boys who decorated it. Much ingenuity, many new strings of lights, and lots of faith made it possible for Monterey to have shining lights each December to delight those of us who live here and those who just pass through town.

The sever storm of December 1992 left us with a pencil-like mass of "sahne" (whipped cream) and we regretfully accepted the fact that the tree had passed its peak. It was not only too tall, but was showing signs of age with thinning branches. Not without grief, we allowed the tree to be cut down in February. The Tryon Construction Company kindly removed the stump so that we could plant a new concolor fir in the same spot this May. The planting was donated by Ward's Nursery, and the tree given in memory of Stephen Andrew Makuc.

Yes, you will see a smaller splash of color next Christmas, but with God's help we can all watch it grow and continue the spirit which has been part of the holiday season in Monterey all these years.

— Anne Makuc





## CHURCH NEWS

In the general course of conversation with strangers, the subject of vocation soon arises. When I am "discovered" to be a minister, often times very "interesting" comments will occur. Some of the usual phrases are, "Oh, you're a man of God," or "You must have a direct line to the man upstairs," or "I believe in God, but I'm just not very religious," or "I guess I'd better watch my language."

I'm used to all those, and have learned to take it in stride. But since coming to Monterey there has been one innocent question asked of me that is not so simple to answer. Invariably people ask me, "So what kind of church is that in Monterey?" When I respond "United Church of Christ," nine times out of ten I receive a blank stare.

Now you should know that I hold ministerial status in two denominations. I'm actually Presbyterian, sort of "on loan" to the U.C.C. (that's the abbreviation that the United Church of Christ is fond of--it takes up a lot less room on paper, and cuts the syllables in half.) In the past, when I've answered the same question about the church I was serving at the time, the answer "Presbyterian" was accepted in stride. Everyone knows (or thinks he knows) what a Presbyterian Church is. But a U.C.C.? Some wonder if it's one of those conservative, fundamentalist, hell-fire and brimstone churches. Others muse that it sounds similar to a Unitarian Church. Others look perplexed and say, "I thought for sure it was a Congregational Church." Imagine their confusion when I respond, "Well, yes it's that too."

The United Church of Christ is a rather recent invention. It was formed when two groups, the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Church merged in 1957. Each group had been formed twenty years earlier through other mergers. The Monterey Church was founded in 1750 as a Congregational Church. Congregationalism was brought to America by the Puritan pilgrims in 1620, and became the predominant religion in Massachusetts. Our Church is officially incorporated as the First Congregational Church of Monterey, even though we commonly refer to ourselves as the Monterey United Church of Christ, because of our decision to go along with the merger back in the 1950's.

So there you have it, or do you? What really is a U.C.C. church? When you come right down to it, except for some ecclesiastical oddities, the U.C.C. is very similar to the Presbyterian Church, and we all know what a Presbyterian Church is, don't we? If you don't, then I

suppose there's only one way to find out, really. Discover for yourself by coming to church on Sunday morning. Of course, some people have commented, "The Monterey Church doesn't fit my stereotype of a Presbyterian Church." (A critic once wrote, "Their worship is so cold you could ice skate down the aisle.")

You may be happy to note that no one ice skates in our church. The ice has long since melted.

— Cliff Aerie

## MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met on May 19th for a variety program and a memorial service. Members recently attended Umpachene Grange #269 and furnished the program. The Grange is now collecting Scott Tissue computer lines (uniform price code labels). Proceeds go to the Ronald McDonald Houses. The Lecturer reminds members to furnish cookies for the Red Cross at the Veterans' Hospital in Northampton. Cookies to be at the Lecturer's house on June 4th. Three members recently attended the Big Four at Stockbridge Grange #295. Tolitha Butler was Overseer. She also took part in the program.

The next meeting will be on June 2nd, for the election of officers. Members are urged to attend.

— Mary Wallace

### MONTEREY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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-- John Powell

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## MONTEREY LIBRARY NOTES

The library trustees wish to thank the Monterey Energy Project for a generous gift in memory of Mildred Walsh. We will use the money to honor Millie in some special way. When the Energy Project was active, several books dealing with energy conservation were given to the library. They have been entered into our computer catalog and we hope that people will come to the library and make use of them.

We are grateful to John Owen and the Town of Monterey for planting three elm trees on the property.

This year's Summer Reading Program is **SAIL ON A SEA OF BOOKS**. We do hope that the children in town will come to the library and enjoy reading for fun. We have prizes for those who complete reading logs.

The 39th annual book sale is on the last Saturday of July. We welcome donations and invite all to come find that long-looked-for book. We're hoping to have a food sale table at the same time, so keep us in mind if you have a favorite baked item, vegetable or preserve that you would like to donate.

— Anne Makuc

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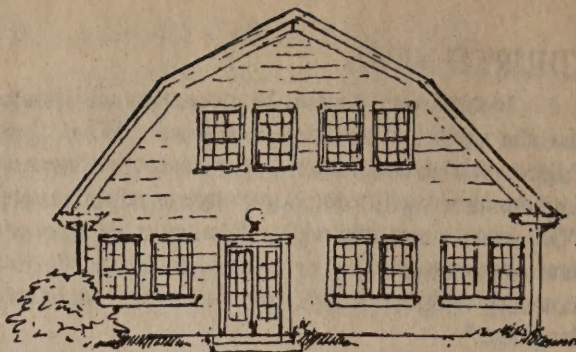
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— Danny Rosengart



## NEW GALLERY IN MONTEREY

A new art gallery will open this summer in Monterey on Sunday, June 13. Called simply The Gallery in Monterey, it is located in the old Tea Room, an historic building across from the General Store in the center of the village.

We are fortunate to have many talented artists in the Berkshires, and local artists have formed The Gallery to make their work available in the community. The founding members are Michael Banner, Maureen Banner, Lew Scheffey, Victoria Reed, Julie Shapiro, Frank D'Amato, Michael Marcus, Roland Ginzel, Ellen Lanyon, Cathy Roth and Anne O'Connor.

The work of these and other area artists will be featured in The Gallery. There is a wonderful range of work, including landscape painting, abstract painting, jewelry, pottery, drawing and sculpture.

Over the summer there will be five shows. The first will be a Members' Show, with an opening reception on Sunday, June 13, from 2 - 4 p.m.

An "All-Monterey Show" will run from July 23rd through August 2nd. Monterey artists interested in exhibiting their work in this show may contact Frank D'Amato at 528-3723.

The Gallery will be open June through September. The hours are Friday 12-5, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 11-4 and Monday 12-5. We look forward to seeing you this summer. Details of upcoming shows will appear in the *News*.

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## DEMOCRATS TO MEET

Voters registered as Democrats as of April 15, 1993 will meet in Caucus on Saturday, June 19 at 10 AM at the firehouse, to elect two delegates and two alternates for the 1993 Democratic Convention to be held in October. The delegate caucuses will be held at the same date and time statewide.

The Monterey Caucus will be followed by refreshments, after which the meeting will be opened to discuss and appoint a bylaw committee.

— Georgiana O'Connell

## CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

The Big Apple Circus is coming to town! We will be selling tickets at 15% discount for the 3:30 PM performance Wednesday, July 7. Cost per ticket is \$14.45 ringside, or \$11.90 center grandstand. We need to sell tickets in blocks of 20 for this price. Please call Wendy at 528-4007 to place your order. Payment due by June 21. Come join us if you can.

Parent to Parent Volunteer training will be held the first five Thursdays in July (1, 8, 15, 22, 29) from 9-11 AM at the Children's Health Program. Volunteers are matched with parents who are either pregnant or have a child under two years of age. They can help with transportation to important appointments or playgroups, be a friend and support person for the parent, give information about services to assist area families, or watch children during GED tutoring or driving lessons. Please call Claudette at 528-9311 if you are interested in being a volunteer or if you have any questions.

We thank our generous donors for a variety of items for our playgroups. We are seeking plastic child-sized picnic tables. If you wish to donate one, please call Wendy at 528-4007.

Our June activities include a parent-infant social hour at 2 PM at the bandstand in back of the Great Barrington town hall. In case of rain, meet at St. James Church. There will be a picnic at Lake Mansfield in Great Barrington on June 23 from 11 AM - 1 PM. Bring a picnic lunch and sand toys. Cancelled if raining.

Parent-child play groups will meet for most of June. Once school is out for the summer, CHP will hold playgroups at Housatonic School playground on Tuesdays, 11 AM - 1 PM, and at Bryant School playground on Thursdays, 11 AM - 1 PM. In case of rain, the playgroups will be cancelled.

Wondering what to do with shoulderpads not needed in dresses and blouses? Sew them together and

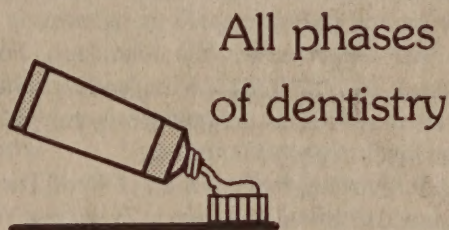
make safe throwing things for the children. This idea from Lee playgroup leader Jo Delisle.

Here's a rainy day activity: Line a container like a coffee can with a sheet of paper. Roll a marble in paint (thick paint works best). Place the marble in the container, put a lid on it, and shake for a while. Open container and pull out the paper to see your painting. This can be repeated with several colors. Be sure to wash the marble between colors. Supervise small children during this activity. (From *Growing Together*, May 1993, Cornell Cooperative Extension Newsletter.)

Warning: The Consumer Product Safety Commission warns that supporting bath ring devices should not be relied on to keep babies safe in the bath. Parents and other care givers must never leave a baby alone in these bath support rings.

— Claudette Callahan

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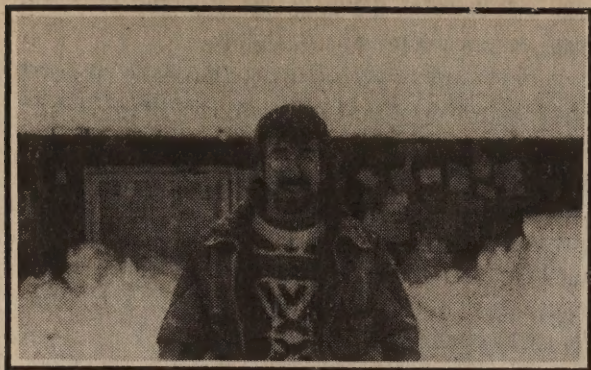
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## MONTEREY BOARD OF HEALTH

WANTED: Clerk to issue Transfer Station stickers and input data into the computer. Time required is Saturday morning starting June 15, from 9-12 noon, with hours adjusted as needed. This is a temporary position. Salary is \$8.25 per hour. Contact Georgiana O'Connell, Chair, Board of Health. An equal opportunity employer.





## WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY

### Ed Sepansky

Ed grew up in Elmhurst and Lynbrook, Long Island, and then set out to see the world at 17 when he finished high school. "It was too crowded on Long Island!"

The first thing he did was hitch-hike to California. "That was in the 70's, when you could do things like that." He came home for a while and then took off in the opposite direction, across the Atlantic. He backpacked all over Europe, and even got as far as towns in North Africa with magic names like Marrakesh, Fez and Casablanca. He settled down in England for a while: "I tended bar in a pub in London, and greatly enjoyed all the different kinds of people I met there."

After attending the University of World Travel, Ed then returned to formal education in Troy, New York, at the Hudson Valley Community College, and finished his AB degree at SUNY, Albany. He was eclectic in his studies as he had been in his travels. He was a double major in Political Science and Psychology, was also fascinated by thermodynamics, which he studied on his own, and ended up headed for a career in law. But his interest in seeing how things work also led to part-time jobs in construction, and by the time he finished college, he was renovating old houses in Troy and Rensselaer.

By this time he was married and the Sepanskys had a daughter, Patricia, in 1980, and a son, Thomas, in 1981. After a divorce, the children lived with their mother in Long Island and visited Ed in Albany (and now Monterey) on weekends and in the summer. He started taking them on camping trips to Jamestown and Narragansett Bay. The sailing ships on the ocean reawakened a boyhood interest of Ed's. The dream began then, that someday he would have a boat of his own and learn how to sail.

"I worked in Albany for twelve years. I got interested in the mysteries of electricity so I called a

contractor and asked how I could become an electrician. He hired me on the spot; I became an electrician's apprentice and later joined the union. I've been in building for fifteen years, and ten of them were in electrical work. I found jobs in Springfield and lived there from 1985-90. By going to school with the union I improved my level of qualification and pay, and then I found myself teaching in the same school."

What brought Ed to the Berkshires was work at the new regional school in Sheffield. Opportunities had become scarce in Springfield, so he moved over here two years ago, and found a place to live at Brookbend. "By the second night there I was in love with the quiet, the sound of the waterfall in my own backyard, and the fact that there was a library right next door."

That summer Ed saw an ad on the town bulletin board for a sailboat. It was no Yankee Clipper, but it did have a sail, and Ed began to teach himself the art of locomotion by capturing the wind. "I was out every night after work, and I studied books on sailing to learn all I could about the fine points." He had also found a sailing partner. Lisa LaBreque, from Hartsville, is a teller where Ed banks, and she is his crew for the Wednesday night races on Lake Pontoosuc. She also goes, part-time, to Berkshire Community College. They now sail a beautiful Capri 14.2, and last summer they tied for first place in cumulative points for the summer's races. "They are really fun races--everybody has a good time."

Now that Sheffield Highschool is finished, Ed has gone into private business, with a specialty in the renovation of old homes. He has become an artist in fine work: for instance, how not to leave a trace of the workman's hand when wiring has to go behind a 150-year-old plaster wall. And now he has added the history of architecture to his many other interests. He enjoys looking for the clues that, taken together, put a time signature on old New England structure.

Ed's story is not complete without an account of the large and unusual plants in his apartment. "My grandmother grew up on a farm in Poland and emigrated to this country in 1914." There was a love of plants in the family even when they were living in the city. Ed has more than a dozen flourishing plants: outstanding among them is an asparagus fern that reaches from the floor to the ceiling, and a giant Schefflera, or umbrella tree, equally tall. A special joy is a jade plant that started from one leaf in the 1970s and is now a few feet high and a yard across. For someone who likes so much green around him, sailboats on a blue lake, and snow in the winter, the Berkshires are the right place for our new neighbor, Ed Sepansky.

— David P. McAllester



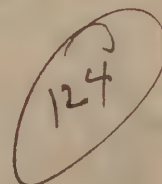
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*A Rider in the Spanish Riding School*



## SEVENTEEN FIVE

*Bursting what was in dream  
marshlands curved from bravery  
returned burned  
pianissimo through subject.  
Writing a verso so skittered,  
clock cleaned,  
the long boxes of composite tubing arrived  
in the night and now  
the tubing stands neatly in bins—  
lost pieces of the post-  
industrial trident—whips—  
materials of the age bright  
and awaiting distribution.  
That death slide  
at the amusement park  
in which we gave chase to dominance  
is made of the same stuff—  
they pay to do this.  
Citadel.. Provisional  
explanations and provisional dreams  
will give very exact instructions  
to the one, general guidelines  
to the rest.  
How did we get so far from the landscape?  
What rule offered waywardness?  
There is only itself and time the sun  
gives and a few tunes multiplied  
by infinite minute variations.  
No prep or guild or idea or past  
just is so to us lifers, only  
having amused ourselves on the tubes  
and watch, participate, make  
our next mistakes, and all  
else that comes between.*

— Connell McGrath



## HUMMINGBIRD AT MY WINDOW

*Jeweled hummingbird outside my window  
Poised in mid air like a helicopter,  
Your tiny wings seem to whirl like a propeller;  
So fast they go to hold you there, suspended  
As you probe into each blossom for sweet nectar.  
Sometimes you leave the flowers and face my  
window,  
Do you see me there or is it your reflection?  
So short a time you linger, then off you dart  
More quickly than you came  
As my eyes try in vain to follow  
Hoping you will lead me to your nest.  
In only seconds you have vanished  
And left me eagerly watching  
For you to return.*

— Eleanor Kimberly



## MAY APPLES

*In may, when all the world is tender green  
And bright new blooms are showing, everywhere,  
A blessing in our countryside is seen  
And once again we realize it is there.*

*We learn again the growth of apple trees  
Along our roads, in hedgerows, in our fields,  
Yet no improvident farmer planted these,  
And only wild things come to taste their yield.*

*In May, however, they are there for us,  
A cloud of blossoms and a drift of scent;  
Quiet, with a minimum of fuss,  
The tame's untame, the domestic is unpent.*

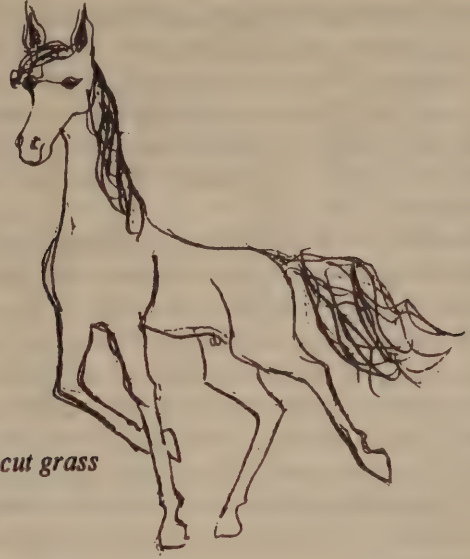
— David P. McAllester



*I*

*i sat down  
to write a poem about  
sleeping under the  
spring sun.  
then i began to think about  
man's place in the world  
and suddenly sleeping didn't seem  
so important*

*after meditating on how  
to start a poem with a  
philosophic content  
i finally listened  
to myself.  
how silly of me!  
thinking that anything  
is more important than  
sleeping.*



*II*

*shivering from the cold, uncut grass  
in which i lie  
i stare up at the  
big, bright spring sun.  
i close my eyes and  
read the fiery words  
scrolled across my lids  
in unknown letters*

*i catch sight of  
a flash of yellow  
in the trees.  
i cannot tell at first  
if it is a  
bird  
or just another result of  
staring at the  
sun*

*III*

*as i lie on my back  
a never-before-seen bug  
lights on my thigh.  
i study him carefully  
examining his legs  
his head and  
his wings folded  
tightly against his back.*

*he stares up at me  
as if to give me  
some bugly message  
i hope it was nothing important  
for i did not  
understand him.*

*he walks the length  
of my knee  
gives me one last glance  
unfolds his wings  
and flies off again  
to deliver his message  
to others*

## RIDDLE

*Q: Why did the lamp not turn on?*

*A: Because it was turned on already.*

— Cora Jay Baker

— Morgan Schick



## COMMUNITY DINNER

Neighbor helping neighbor in community cooperation and Time Dollars were the subjects at the May 12 Community Dinner, attended by about fifty people. Laurel Tewes and Andy Matlowof Otis, both of whom have expertise in setting up community projects, were introduced by David Bach. General discussion followed their presentation, and a committee was formed for further study.

Restoration of the Old Manse (the Bidwell House) will be the program at the next Community Dinner on Wednesday, June 9 at 6:30 in the Church Social Room, Monterey Church of Christ, Main Road, Monterey. Lisa Simpson, curator of the Bidwell House, will present slides and talk about "old history" pertaining to the time when Rev. Bidwell was in residence, and "new history," about the restoration and collecting which has brought the Old Manse to its present remarkable condition. Bring a covered dish and your own place setting. All Montereyans are invited.

--Georgiana O'Connell (528-1564)

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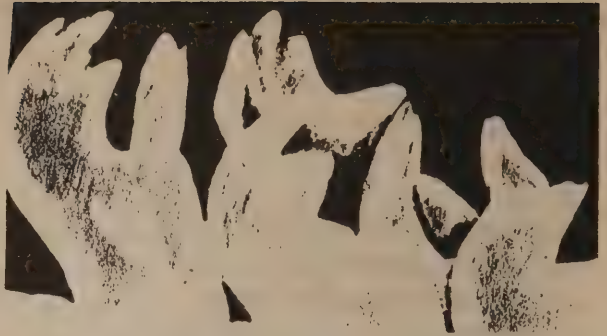
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## PERIWINKLES COMING ASHORE

We took a trip to Salem recently and saw some boats, ate clams, and talked about adolescent girls and the amazing mess they stirred up 300 years ago, when the grownups in town were just ripe for trouble. Looking around now you can see handsome red bricks laid into the streets to mark crosswalks, cobblestones here and there, New England seaside architecture at odd angles, many museums and historic plaques, places to eat lobsters and a lot of references to witches: "Witch Museum This Way," and "Witchtown Auto Parts."

Our girls are not yet adolescent and say they can't understand why anyone would say someone is a witch when there's no such thing. As long as they have this attitude I feel pretty safe, though the Salem witch business has left me permanently uneasy, more so than I would have been if I'd never heard about it. When I was growing up I had a friend who used to brag she had an ancestor who was a witch and was hanged in Salem. This friend of mine, named Debbie, was the sweetest prettiest girl I knew, very blond and mild. It gave me the creeps that she could look like that and still smile and brag about her ancestor. I figured we should both be crying.

I had about gotten over my problem of Debbie and her claim to fame, when I grew up and married somebody who had a Salem woman ancestor, the last of the 20 to be put to death on account of those horrible girls and their mixed-up crazy community. It's one of those true stories from the past you'd rather just forget about, unless possibly there is something instructive to be weasled out of it. During our recent trip to Salem, I strove to focus on true facts and local wonders more palatable and palpable, like the miracle of the intertidal zone at low tide.

We drove past the power plant, the sewage treatment plant and a "Home for Boys," and arrived at a rundown old fort which was built to protect the harbor from the British and was fixed up in the 1860s, but has been pretty much let go since then. We walked quickly



past the munitions storage place. ("Is that a jail?" one girl asked. It had a door with bars and a padlock.) I was wondering if we would ever put witches and wars behind us when we emerged suddenly on the seashore, standing on a shell beach that included rocks and seaweed, gulls and cormorants, and the smells of the sea that remind me, always, that I am mostly salt water myself and have no business living in the woods, hills, desert or anyplace on earth except down among the seaweeds.

We stood on a sorted beach of tiny shell fragments, pale silvery and white; and curved bands of periwinkle shells, dark and the size of small marbles. In the tidepools and on the gleaming rocks of low tide were millions of these little snails going about the business of their day, which is eating. Like all the other snails, periwinkles have a rasping ribbon of a tongue with teeth set across in rows. They are vegetarians, grazing on algae, and their hard little teeth get so worn and battered by the rocks they are scouring that they have to grow new teeth at the rate of six rows a day.

These periwinkles, which appear so set in their ways as they move slowly around their small territories, are actually incredibly sturdy and adaptable. They are also considered to be the best "modern examples of animals which are moving from the sea to the land." One species lives way up in the splash zone. Its gills have evolved to be very like lungs and it can go for months without getting wet. It just needs the sea for reproduction. It keeps its gill chamber moist by closing the door on the elements of dessication. This door is so tight that a periwinkle once spent 20 hours in the belly of an anemone and was disgorged unharmed, having sealed out the digestive juices by pulling shut its operculum, or door.

I feel humble in the presence of periwinkles. If I were less than an inch long and someone dropped me into an anemone, that would be the end of me. Periwinkles make me feel relaxed because they do no harm. They say the rasping of periwinkle teeth on sandstone at La Jolla, California, is wearing away the sandstone at the rate of 1 cm. per century, but it looks to me as if this were more than balanced by the building up, over time, of the shell beach in Salem. Periwinkles may scrape away the west coast, but they are surely building up the east.

I am proud to know that somewhere back in the evolutionary mists I have a common ancestor with the periwinkle, some soft-bodied creature with salt in its veins. Discovering one's roots in a historic seaport town need not be distressing if you just go back far enough in time, past wars and psychosis to mother ocean and the tidepool life-style.

— Bonner J. McAllester

## WILDLIFE SURVEY

### Mammals

A big bear was raiding a birdfeeder in Housatonic a month ago. Coyotes are around giving nightly serenades in the fields across Rte. 23 from the Duryeas. Deer have survived the winter well; there have been up to 13 feeding in the Duryeas' meadow. Art Hastedt notes that the does are hiding out with their fawns these days. Beavers are active. Two very young foxes spotted on Rte. 23 near the old Wolfer place. Several raccoons were squalling for nearly an hour on the far side of McAllesters' pond; they sounded healthy and rambunctious. Dale Duryea has had to deal with several rabid 'coons, including one near the old firehouse. Another, on the Main Road, had been in such distress as to chew on charcoal and attack a porcupine; that means that there will be sick porcupines around, too! (See RABIES ALERT elsewhere in this issue.) Woodchucks are starting their families.

### Birds

Canada Geese are scouting about in pairs, most already nesting. Wild ducks are also looking for nesting places; one pair of mallards has visited McAllesters' pond several times, but has been driven away by territorial domestic ducks. Alice Howell saw a bald eagle near Beartown road on May 6. The McMahons put up a hummingbird feeder May 4, right in the center of town, and they have had a frequent customer ever since.

*Spring birds reported by Joe Baker on the east end of Hupi Road, as of May 13.* Louisiana water thrush, usually here by late April, arrived this year May 9. Winter wrens are singing in the orchard, no house wrens back yet. Solitary vireo, which almost always comes through April 28-30, arrived *early* this year, on April 25. Nashville warbler here for several days from May 5. Catbird and great crested flycatcher arrived late. Yellowthroat not back yet. Redstart, usually one of the earliest, not back until May 5. No Woodpeewee yet. New heron rookery (site undisclosed).

### Amphibians

Spring peepers are still peeping. Lots of frog and salamander eggs may be seen in ponds, and a few red newts in the woods. A small painted turtle seen in Lake Garfield

### Insects

Black flies are in good supply (if anyone hadn't noticed), and mosquitoes are coming on. Peter Murkett has seen Junebugs on Harmon Road since May 8. There

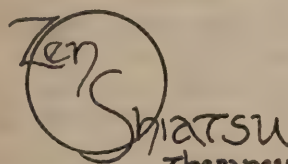


are water striders on the ponds. Of the 2,000 species of coppers and blues, the American copper and eastern tailed blue are here. (Most of the others aren't found in America.)

### Flowers

April 28: Bloodroot (thousands along Tyringham Road), Dutchman's breeches, willow catkins, horsetail, red maples, coltsfoot, arbutus. April 30: Wild ginger. May 1: Spring beauty, marsh marigold, golden Alexander, hobblebush, yellow violets, fawn lily. May 12: Bluets, barbary, wild strawberries, white and red trillium, foam flower, leatherleaf, ladies' smock, apples gone wild along roads, in hedgerows, and old pasture. Shadblow all around the lake. May 15: Columbines, wild cherries, white, dark blue and light blue violets, jack-in-the-pulpit, trees all leafed out except for ash and sumac. May 17: hawthorn, dwarf ginseng, sasparilla, moose maple catkins, lady slipper full out rather early, star flower, sand plum, dandelion, Solomon seal, blueberry, mountain ash, clintonia. May 19: Butternut catkins.

— David P. McAllester



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An open letter to the Selectmen:

The purpose of this letter is to suggest certain actions you might take to prepare the way for the eventual construction of a new town hall. (For, contrary to what some people might conclude from my remarks at the town meeting of May 1st, I am not opposed to planning for a new town hall.)

I trust you will agree that planning for a new town hall or, if necessary, for major repairs and alterations to our existing town hall should proceed (a) in strict accordance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and (b) with minimal expenditure of the taxpayers' money.

The Inspector General of Massachusetts has issued a manual entitled *Designing and Constructing Municipal Facilities*. This manual is designed to guide local officials through the veritable labyrinth of pertinent laws and regulations. As the manual says, "The state's public construction requirements are complex and can be difficult to understand." And so they are!

The manual describes the processes and phases through which one must go in order to construct a municipal building. First comes the designer selection process which is mandatory for all building projects, including repairs to existing buildings, if the total cost is more than \$10,000. This includes the cost of preliminary studies. A few of the complexities to be encountered in the beginning of the procedure are briefly outlined in the attachment hereto.

To get started I suggest that you now take the following actions:

1. Ask someone to investigate whether the Town's copy of the Inspector General's manual is up to date and, if it is not, to take on the job of bringing it up to date. (On page 4 of the manual an update service is offered free of charge. The prescribed form, asking that updates be sent to our Selectmen, was mailed to the Manual Update Service in the Office of the Inspector General on October 13, 1987. I do not know if such updates were ever issued. If any were received, they may be somewhere in the Selectmen's files.)

2. Designate one of the Town's officers or employees to be the custodian of this manual. To this custodian should be handed all updates received by the Selectmen. The custodian should then file them in the proper place in the manual so that the Town will always have an up to date manual.

3. Designate one of our fellow citizens--or, if you deem it necessary, a group or committee--to draft the

required written procedures for selecting designers on projects subject to the designer selection statute (G.L. Ch. 7, Section 38K(a); see page 8, step 1, and pages 18-20 of the manual. Whoever authored Article 20 for the Town Meeting of May 1, 1993, would probably be able to draft these procedures. (Was it perhaps Wayne Burkhardt?)

4. Make sure that all records, minutes, drafts, surveys, plans, correspondence, etc.--in short, all documents and files--produced by the most recent Town hall Committee and by all previous Town Hall Committees be carefully preserved so as to make them available for future use. I am convinced that the most recent Town Hall Committee gathered a lot of information which could be most helpful to future workers on this project.

5. Express the Town's thanks for the work done by the most recent Town Hall Committee. It was evident from Mr. Chermeff's presentation that much time and effort had been spent by the Committee. This deserves recognition.

— Hans Kessler

P.S. Please note that I do not wish to be asked to take on any task connected with this project. I already sometimes find it hard to meet my existing obligations (including my duties as an assessor) and cannot take on more work. However, if anyone asks me questions, I'll do my best to answer them.

## QUOTED FROM THE MANUAL *DESIGNING AND CONSTRUCTING MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS*

A building project is any project for the planning, acquisition, design, construction, demolition, installation, repair or maintenance of a building. (G.L. Ch. 7, Section 39A). (Page 6)

If the cost of the project is greater than \$10,000, the designer selection statute applies. (Page 6)

The term "designer" refers to the individuals or firms hired to do the architectural and engineering work for a project. As used in this manual, the term also includes consultants hired for preliminary planning (including the projection of programs, feasibility studies, and environmental reports) and for construction supervision. (Page 5)

Whenever an outside consultant is to be hired, the designer selection process described in Chapter 2 must be followed. (Page 28)



A consultant hired during a study phase is prohibited by statute from continuing into the final design. (G.L. Ch. 7, Section 38H) (Page 29)

The Department of Labor and Industries (DLI) has jurisdiction over the Commonwealth's designer selection laws. DLI has the power to investigate grievances and complaints and to initiate enforcement proceedings in court. (Page 7)

...the fee for design services cannot be a factor in the selection process. (Page 23)

Projects which are funded in part by a State agency, or by a Federal agency, may be subject to additional programmatic requirements established by the funding agency. (Page 3)

[These are a few peculiarities of the legal requirements, taken from the first 29 pages of the manual. There is a total of 61 pages, plus 38 pages of appendices full of remarkable statements. There are requirements for publication of information in the Central Register, certificates of eligibility which contractors must have obtained from the Division of Capital Planning and Operations (DCPO), etc. etc., as well as mention of severe civil and criminal penalties for those public officials who deliberately attempt to thwart the process.— H. K.]

To the Editor:

The defeat of the warrant article on the creation of a town caucus at the annual town meeting was astonishing to me. I believed (and still do) that the state laws provided a simple way to streamline our local government and make it more fair. What were the arguments presented against this article?

1) *A single town caucus would produce an unwieldy number of candidates for each office.* Impossible. The law stipulates that only the top two vote getters would be nominated. Instead of having two separate caucuses nominating one or two candidates, we would have one caucus nominating one or two candidates. Candidates not nominated by the caucus could continue to win spots on the ballot by petition, just as they do now. The notion that a town caucus would produce a deluge of candidates with an unknown "agenda" is so ludicrous that I doubt it was taken seriously by anyone.

2) *A single caucus would concentrate power in the hands of a small group.* On the contrary, a town caucus would facilitate participation by a much larger group of voters, because the 44% of Monterey voters who are registered as independents would be able to take part.

3) *"If we eliminate partisan caucuses, I would lose*

*my identity as a member of my party."* If your identity as a Democrat or Republican depends on bestowing a nomination on a candidate for Selectman or Library Trustee who is likely receiving the nomination of the other party as well, it is pretty meaningless anyway. I dare say, no one has ever voted for a candidate for local office because of party affiliation, and I challenge anyone who believes otherwise to articulate a party position for the office of Assessor or Tree Warden.

4) *"The system we have works well. Why change it?"* The unpleasant fiasco at this year's Democratic caucus, when the party failed to nominate a candidate for the only contested office on the ballot, provides ample evidence that the current system doesn't work at all.

I sincerely hope that Monterey's voters will reconsider this issue, and, at a future town meeting, vote for fair and rational government in the form of a town caucus.

— Alice Schick

To the Editor:

At the Annual Town Meeting on May 1, there was some discussion on the subject of how salaries are set for Town employees. I think it would be helpful for voters to know exactly what the process is, because I think we have a fair, equitable, comprehensive system which serves both the Town and Town employees well.

In January of each year, the Salary Committee does a telephone survey of several towns in our Southern Berkshire area, asking for information on salaries, vacation and sick pay systems, and holidays. This allows us to sit down in late January and average other towns' salaries for various employee positions. We then take those average rates of pay and compare them to what Monterey is paying for comparable positions; if there is a discrepancy, we try to determine how to bring Monterey more into line. We take into account differences such as higher or lower populations, differing job responsibilities, and part-time positions as opposed to full-time ones.

As you might imagine, this is a very difficult process, as most small towns have a real hodge-podge of salaries, because no one has ever tried to establish a comprehensive process of setting those rates of pay. Before our Salary Committee began trying to make Town employee salaries equitable, we also had an incomprehensible morass, because over the years some employees had asked for periodic raises and some had not. Those who asked



received them; those who did not frequently were allowed to stay at a level which was well below what other towns were paying for similar positions.

After we have determined what is necessary to bring Monterey into line with area averages, we present our recommendations to the selectmen. In recent years the Finance Committee has found it helpful to sit in on our meeting with the selectmen. These two boards then go on to use the information we have given them to make their own determinations.

So we have a three-level process in determining what salaries to recommend to the voters at the Annual Town Meeting: First, the Salary Committee evaluates our own Town employee salaries in comparison with what other towns are paying, based strictly on *the position*, not the person in it. Next, the selectmen add their level; that is, who is in the job and what kind of work has he or she been doing? The Finance Committee adds the last level: Can we as a Town afford the recommendations for salaries which come to them from the Selectmen?

This three-step process serves us well, I think, because all aspects of setting salaries are covered, each by a different board with its own specific focus. In the end, of course, the voters at Town Meeting are the final authority; but we feel that the salaries they are asked to vote on are arrived at in a fair and comprehensive way.

— Eileen M. Clawson  
Chair, Salary Committee

## THE BIDWELL HOUSE

The fourth season at The Bidwell House is in full swing. We opened Memorial Day weekend with an 18th century spinning and weaving workshop led by volunteer Sharon Steinberg. On display were our unique spinning and weaving tools, including our recently donated walking wheel. This wheel, which was an integral part of every 18th century household, was donated by Ann Savage of North Egremont.

Throughout the summer and fall, the museum is planning a variety of exciting educational opportunities. On Friday, June 4th at 7:30 PM the museum is hosting a lecture which many in the community have been waiting for. Dr. George Harper of Boston, noted expert on 18th century religion, will present his findings on Rev. Adonijah Bidwell, the town's first minister and owner of The Bidwell House from 1750-1784. The lecture is the

Dr. Harper will answer many questions, such as: what was Rev. Bidwell's daily life like; was he an Old or a New Light in the Great Awakening; what was the real story behind his "strike" from preaching during the Revolution; and most importantly, does the town of Tyringham still owe Rev. Bidwell his back pay? The lecture will take place at Monterey's United Church of Christ. The cost will be \$5 for non-members, and \$3 for museum members (please bring your membership card). Tickets will be available at the door.

For nature lovers, the museum is planning a wildflower hike on Saturday, June 5th at 2 PM. The hike, which is free of charge, will be led by volunteer and wildflower expert Jane Kessler. The hike will begin at the museum's porch, so we encourage you to come early and tour the museum beforehand. Raindate is Sunday, June 6 at 2 PM.

Looking ahead to July, please mark your calendars for Saturday, July 10. The museum is sponsoring what we hope will become an annual event, The Bidwell House Folk Concert. The MacArthur Family of Marlboro, Vermont, nationally known folk musicians, will present a concert of 18th and early 19th century folk music from New England. We want the people of Monterey to make this a day-long event. The grounds open at 11 AM for picnickers, tours of the house, and hiking. At 2 PM the concert will begin with a special children's concert, followed by the main event.

Tickets are \$8 for adult non-members, \$5 for non-member children under 18, \$5 for adult museum members, and \$2 for children museum members under 18. Tickets will go on sale June 21 at The Bidwell House. Stop by during museum hours or call us at 528-6888. Tickets will also be available at the concert. We're also seeking volunteers for that day. If you're interested, please call me at the museum.

Come enjoy the fun at The Bidwell House this summer. You won't want to miss it!

--Lisa Simpson

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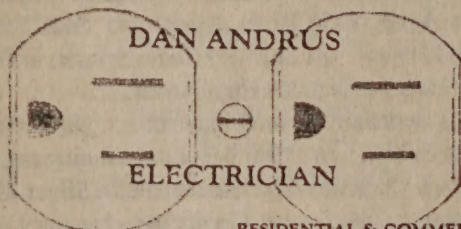
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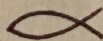
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## PERSONAL NOTES

Our congratulations to **Lisa Eileen Vorck** and **Michael Salvatore DeRuzzio** on their engagement. A summer wedding is planned. Lisa is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vorck** of Main Road.

Congratulations also to **Rick and Denise Behne Andrus**, whose first child, a daughter named **Lauren Elizabeth** was born on April 19. And best wishes to the elated grandparents, **Tom and Pat Andrus** of Main Road.

And congratulations to **Hal and Sandra Knox Crine** on the joyful arrival of their first child, a son, **Hunter Benjamin**, born April 24 at BMC in Pittsfield.

Wedding bells for **Scott Sheridan** and **Ginni Ranzoni**, who were married April 3 in Alford. Best wishes you two! Scott is the son of **Richard, Sr.** and **Mabel Sheridan** of Main Road. **Richard Sheridan, Jr.** was best man for his brother.

Kudos to Monterey artist **Paul Perces**, whose work was featured at the Front Street gallery in Housatonic during the month of May.

Applause for **Del Jenssen**, winner of the Metropolitan opera Quiz in April. Del received a CD player, several recordings and books, a subscription to *Opera News*, and a monetary sum as well. Very impressive, Dell!

**Bill and Jeanne Zad** had a somewhat liesurely trip back to Sylvan Road from Vero Beach, and enjoyed a visit with their daughter **Doreen Campbell**, her husband **Chick**, and their four grandchildren, **CJ, Erin, Justine and Katelyn** in New jersey along the way. The Zad villa was bursting at the seams when the entire Campbell family, as well as daughter **Bobbie-Jean Casserly** and son **Michael** joined them for the easter holiday. Oldest grandson **Sean Dugan** will be joining them in Monterey for the summer after completing his junior year of college.

**Jack and Lois Ryder** wish to thank the Girl Scouts, Gould Farm, the Selectpersons, and all the volunteer truck drivers and town folk who spent a Saturday morning making the Monterey Roadside Cleanup a great success. It was quite a haul! Along with the bottles, cans and wrappers one might expect, volunteers picked up overstuffed chairs, bed springs, rotten mattresses, fenders, car bumpers, tires, etc., all found ditched on the roadsides. Jack and Lois deserve *our* thanks for organizing this worthwhile effort.

Best wishes to **Michèle Miller**, who has opened her restaurant, the Boiler Room Café, on Stockbridge Road in Great Barrington.

Several Monterey students have recently earned academic honors and awards. We congratulate each and every one, and urge them to keep up the great work!

Named to the Mount Everett Honor Roll for the third quarter: In Grade 12, **Chris Burkhart** made High Honors, and **Michael Ohman** made Honors; in Grade 11, **Leah Bohn** and **Bruce Snow** made High Honors; in Grade 10, **Erin Piretti** made High Honors, and in Grade 9, **Kevin Ohman** and **Jason Tanner** made Honors. In Garde 8, **Shaylan Burkhart** and **Morgan Clawson** made High Hon ors and, in Grade 7, **Ellen Hamm** made High Honors, and **Eoin Higgins**, **Bethany Sadlowski** and **Jeremy Vallianos** all made Honors.

Named to the Monument Mountain Honor Roll for the third quarter: In Grade 11, **Meghan Sadlowski**, High Honors and **Erin Sadlowski**, Honors; in Grade 10, **Joshua Aerie** made High Honors and **Paul Makuc** achieved Honors. At Searles Middle School, in Grade 10, **Arianna Aerie** made High Honors.

At Berkshire Country Day school, Ninth Grader **Morgan Schick** was a member of the winning team for the Latin II Certamen, and was awarded a Silver Medal and *Maxima Cum Laude* Certificate. For the Latin I exam **Oriana Raab**, also a Ninth Grader, was awarded a *Cum Laude* Certificate. The awards were a result of their scores on the 1993 National Latin Exam, taken in March during Classics Day at Deerfield Academy.

At Northfield Mount Hermon School, **Jonas Klein**, son of **Victoria Reed** of Main Road, earned Academic Honors for the winter term.

**Meghan Bradley** was named to the Dean's List at Simmons College in Boston for the winter term.

**Rachel Rodgers** was a cast member in the successful production of the musical *West Side Story*, performed in early May at Miss Hall's school in Pittsfield.

Congratulations to **Lisa Bohn**, selected to attend Massachusetts Girls' State at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, June 12-17, and to **Bruce Snow**, who will attend the Boys' State Program at Bentley College in Waltham, June 12-18. The programs offer intensive study of local and state government.

Very happy birthday wishes this month to **Todd Bynack** on June 8, to **John Higgins** and **Michael Bynack** on June 16, to **Sandy Gottlieb** on June 18, to **Pam Gauthier** and **Christopher Blair** on June 19, to **Margrit Schuler** on June 24, to **Colm Higgins** and **Eileen Clawson** on June 28, to **Nadia Westenberg** on June 29, and to **Grace Mendel** on June 30.

And happy anniversary to **John and Stella Hogan** on June 8, **Sandy and Rita Gottlieb** on JUne 21, **Phebe** and **Kyle Wing** on June 29. And, backtracking just a bit,



to **Bill** and **Jeanne Zad** who celebrated their 44th on May 7.

Your contributions are appreciated! Please continue to share news items, birthdays, etc. Do so by calling me at 528-4519, or jot your items down and drop them in the mail to me, just Rte. 23. Thanks in advance!

—Stephanie Grotz



## MONTEREY NATURE WALKS

A series of five nature walks led by Bonner McAllister will be offered in June and July for children ages 6-12. The group will be limited to the first ten who register, and will be free of charge thanks to a grant from the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council.

Bonner McAllister, known to readers of the *News* for her columns on natural history, is a teacher, naturalist, writer and illustrator. Her nature walks will take place on Tuesday mornings, June 29 to July 27. All walks will be 9:00-10:30, except the one on July 20, which will be 10:30-12:00. Each week she will focus on a different habitat, including discussion, identification, sketching and reporting orally to the group. On rainy days the classes will meet in the Church basement.

These walks constitute a five-week course in the natural history of Monterey, and children are asked to register for all five weeks. Call 528-9385.

## CALENDAR

**Friday, June 4** — Lecture at the Monterey Church, sponsored by The Bidwell House. For more information, see *The Bidwell House*, elsewhere in this issue.

**Saturday, June 5** — Bake Sale on the library lawn, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., sponsored by the Women's Fellowship of the United Church of Christ in Monterey. Baked goods appreciated! Call Marge McMahon at 528-1409

**Wednesday, June 9** — Community dinner. 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, see *Community Dinner News*, elsewhere in this issue..

**Saturday, June 12** — SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults \$5, children \$2 to dance until intermission. Information: 528-9385.

**Sunday, June 13** - Opening Reception, The Gallery in Monterey (in the old Tea Room building) 2-4 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 15** — Free blood pressure clinic. 9:00-10:30 a.m., downstairs at the town hall

**Saturday, June 19** — Democratic Causus, 10 a.m. at the firehouse.

**Friday, June 25** — Bottle collecting lecture by Jim Thomas, 7:30 p.m. at the Historical Society Room, next to the library. Sponsored by the Monterey Historical Society.

**Saturday, June 26** — SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have some square or contra dance experience. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Admission \$5. Information: 528-9385.

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